

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
October 8 2018**

1. A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Country Club Hills, County of Cook, State of Illinois, was held in the City Hall, 4200 W. 183rd Street at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

2. **THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, and Spivey.  
Alderman Evans was Excused.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin and City Attorney John Murphey.

Judge Stuttley served as parliamentarian.  
Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski served as legislative counsel.

- 2a. The invocation was given by Pastor Robinson..

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

- A. **Approval of Minutes -**

1. **Regular Council Meeting -September 10, 2018**
    2. **Administrative Meeting - September 17, 2018**
    3. **Special City Council Meeting - September 27, 2018**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council of September 10, 2018, the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of September 17, 2018 and the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of September 27, 2018. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 10, 2018, the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of September 17, 2018 and the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of September 27, 2018 Carried Via Voice Vote.

4. **Communications and Reports by the Mayor:**

Mayor Ford announced thanked everyone and congratulated the recipients of the beautification

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awards. He stated that he was proud of those who help make the City beautiful.

**5. City Treasurer's Report - August 2018**

City Treasurer, Argie Johnson-Martin gave the Treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2018 and citing bank balances as of October 8, 2018. She stated that the City's accounting system, ACS, was down earlier today and additional reports could not be provided.

**6. City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk Deborah McIlvain stated that early voting has begun at various locations such as the Markham Courthouse, Oak Forest Village Hall, Matteson Recreation Center and Brookside Senior Living. Additional information can be obtained by calling her offices.

Mayor Ford stated that the City's financial system, ACS, had been down and is expected to be repaired by tomorrow.

**7.. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Lockett, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting October 18, 2018 12:00 pm)**

**A. Approval of Vouchers - October 8, 2018**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amended amount of amount of \$798,255.59. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      4 Ayes:      Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, and Spivey.

0 Nays

1 Absent:      Alderman Evans

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.**

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone that a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2018 at 12 pm.

**II. Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Alderman Glispie, Chairman  
Contract Compliance (Committee Meeting TBA)**

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Alderman Glispie announced that a committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7 pm.

**III. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

**A. Approval - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the 2018 CDBG Program**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-05-18, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the 2018 CDBG Program. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      4 Ayes:      Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, and Spivey.

0 Nays

1 Absent:      Alderman Evans

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.**

Alderman Davis announced that the Public Works committee had discussed an intergovernmental agreement with Hazel Crest for street resurfacing of Central Park and selection of an engineer for Phase 3 of the 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and Pulaksi project. He will be bringing these items forward to the Administrative Meeting.

**IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Economic Development  
Alderman Spivey, Chairman (TBA)**

**A. Motion for to Establish a Request for Lobbying Service for the City of Country Club Hills**

Alderman Spivey moved for Council approval to establish a request for a lobbying service for the City of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - It was stated that the original lobbyist (Bass)f should have been given an opportunity to perform. It was also stated that the original contract for Bass had been approved after work had begun. Mayor Fiord stated that the Council had approved Bass as a lobbyist.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      2 Ayes:      Aldermen Davis and Spivey.

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3 Nays Aldermen Lockett , Glispie and Mayor Ford.

1 Absent: Alderman Evans

**Motion Failed.**

Alderman Spivey announced that a committee meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2018 at 7 pm

**V. Insurance, Risk Management & Personnel Alderman Evans, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

No Report

**VI. Special Committee of the Whole Outdoor Theater**

No Report

Alderman Lockett moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Glispie.  
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- ◆ Les Harris, Country Club Hills, stated that he felt the City did not need a lobbyist as that should be the responsibility of the aldermen and the Mayor.
- ◆ Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, stated that at the pervious meeting she had suggested cutting spending to lower taxes. She distributed information indicating the salary levels of elected official in the SSMMA and suggesting that the lowering of the pay of aldermen and elected officials would save the City money.
- ◆ Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, stated that he was concerned that the CDBG grant would be used for housing and not streets, agreed that a lobbyist was not necessary, requested that the Mayor explain the ability of the Park District to attend “junkets” and inquired as to the cost to the City of the solar panels discussed at the Administrative meeting.
- ◆ Dwyer Williams, Country Club Hills, stated that he also felt that a lobbyist was not necessary, thanked the Police Department for a speed watch sign, asked residents with damaged garbage cans to contact Homewood Disposal for replacement and/or repair and wanted to know when street resurfacing would begin.
- ◆ Faustine Percival, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and inquired as to the status of the water situation with Oak Lawn. She also stated that she had contacted Public Works regarding the condition of the streets at 177<sup>th</sup> and Larkin Lane.

Alderman Lockett moved to close the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Davis.  
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

**7. Aldermen’s Reports**

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- ◆ Alderman Davis stated that street repairs should begin by the end of the month as the bid package has been sent to IDOT. He stated that financial issues needed to be addressed as fire vehicles had been purchased prior to Council approval and that he had not been at the meeting approving the lobbyist but that he always supports the proper process.
- ◆ Alderman Lockett stated that the lobbyist is in the budget as are the fire vehicles. He stated that the aldermen are responsible for policies and purse strings and are not lobbyists, nor is the Mayor. He stated that the current water report is on the City's website and that the City is working, along with other communities, regarding the Oak Lawn water issues. He concluded by asking residents to support the City's Halloween Happenings event on October 31, 2018.
- ◆ Alderman Glispie stated that water could possibly be procured through Chicago Heights and/or Hammond. He stated that the lobbyist should be given a chance to show what he could achieve for the City. He thanked those residents making the effort to keep the City beautiful by maintaining their grass and picking up litter. He mentioned that there is a resident of Ward 2 who has been picking up litter along Pulaski for over 20 years.
- ◆ Alderman Spivey stated that a Ward 4 meeting will be held on October 25 at 7 pm at the Fire Station, with no meetings in November or December and a resumption of meetings in January. He thanked School District 160 and Channel 4 regarding the HBC Classic, stated that he had alerted Jerry Townsend to street light outages in Ward 4, invited everyone to attend an event at UIC on October 13. He stated that there is \$30,000 in the budget for a lobbyist and he stated that we should get the best for our money.

Mayor Ford stated that there had been discussion prior to the approval of a lobbyist and asked Alderman Spivey if he had a particular individual in mind. Alderman Spivey responded that he had an individual (Monica Gordon) that could be considered as a lobbyist candidate.

Mayor Ford distributed his veto of the termination of the Bass Group Contract.

Mayor Ford continued that he was sure that the residents did not want their Mayor to spend his time in Springfield and that the fire vehicles were in the budget. He suggested that questions for the Park District be directed to the Park District at their meetings and that we should all work together. He announced that the small business workshop, sponsored by DCEO, will be October 17 from 5:30 to 8 at the pavilion.

Attorney Nelson-Jaworski asked to be recognized and provided the opinion that the Mayor was not able to veto the termination of the Bass contract.

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**8. Adjournment**

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Lockett. Second - Alderman Glispie. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

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